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## RELEASE OF BARON SOUGHT BY AMERICA

United States Embassy in London Trying to Get Louis von Horst Freed.

London, Dec. 8.—The American Embassy is taking an active interest in the efforts to obtain the release from detention of Baron Louis von Horst, who claims American citizenship, and who is now held as an alien enemy.

Von Horst is quartered in the old liner Prince Edward, where a large number of prisoners are placed. His case has been attracting much attention, his friends including such well-known men as Franklin Lane, Gov. Johnson of California, and Otto H. Kahn. They have proposed that the British government release him on the promise that he immediately proceed to California and remain there until the end of the war.

Von Horst was once an American citizen through his father's naturalization, and was a candidate for public office in Brooklyn. A few years ago he obtained the title of Baron from the Duke of Saxe-Coburg. He believed that this violated his citizenship, and thereafter declared himself a German subject. When the war began he registered as such with the London police. Later, after being placed in a detention camp, he raised the point that his mere acceptance of a title did not destroy his citizenship.

The United States Department has been wrestling with the problem, and has, it is said, practically reached a decision that the Baron is an American. There are still doubtful points, however, and tomorrow Second Secretary Ball of the Embassy will go to obtain certain statements from Baron von Horst.

There is no doubt that the British government suspects von Horst of being a dangerous alien. He has taken part in numerous agitations, including the suffragette movement, strikes, and the Irish question, so there is no certainty that proof of his American citizenship will result in his immediate release, although it will be helpful.

The efforts of von Horst's friends have been increased on account of the fact that he is in bad health.

## THIRTY-SIX CASES OF CHOLERA IN GERMANY

Rotterdam, Dec. 8.—The Berlin board of health, according to information reaching Rotterdam, reported 36 cases of cholera in Germany during the month of November.

In Austria especially, in Galicia, the cholera is spreading rapidly. Eight hundred and 44 cases were reported during the first week of November in which period of time there were 331 deaths. There were 12 deaths in Vienna. In Hungary during the same week there were 532 cases of cholera.

## CENSUS OF UNEMPLOYED PLANNED IN NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 8.—The police began today to take a census of the unemployed in New York city as the first step in a plan announced last night by Police Commissioner Arthur Wood to establish in the police department a bureau of social service. In addition to making a census the patrolmen will ascertain how many persons in each district will assist financially in giving relief. The police reports will also be made available for the use of the mayor's committee on unemployed, which Elbert H. Gary is chairman.

Where the needy in a district are numbered those financially able to aid them, the situation will be referred to a special bureau maintained at police headquarters by charitable organizations.

## OBITUARY

## NIELS PIERSON.

Niels Pierson died at his home, 484 Capitol avenue, last evening. Mr. Pierson was one of the most widely known Swedish residents of the city and his demise will be mourned by many. Besides his widow he is survived by one son, August Pierson, and four daughters, Mrs. Otto Viestien, Mrs. Daniel Dinan, Mrs. John Lindell and Miss Mildred Pierson. He is survived also by two brothers, John of New York and Charles of Seattle and two sisters, Mrs. Anton Carlsson of Bradford and Mrs. Tina Bergenson of Sweden.

The Boston Stock Exchange will open tomorrow for restricted trading.

## NEW YORK EXPERT REVIEWS SITUATION IN FINANCIAL WORLD

(Barron Financial News Service.)

New York, Dec. 8.—Attempts to place the Rock Island in receivership have failed, an application for a receiver having been denied by the Chicago Supreme Court. In handing down the decision, the Court pointed out that any disinterested bondholders are at liberty to intervene in the suit now before the federal court on foreclosure proceedings and are in the same position with similar power to those of a receivership.

For the year ended Oct. 31, 1913, the net earnings of the Standard Gas & Electric Company after payment of all charges were equivalent to 5.3 per cent on its preferred stock, on which since June 1913, the regular 2 per cent quarterly dividends have been paid in scrip bearing 5 per cent interest. For the quarter ended November 30, 1914 the board of directors cut the dividend in two, declaring but 1 per cent payable in 5 per cent scrip.

According to reports which have found credence in some prominent circles, one cause of delay in reopening the stock exchange was found in a serious condition of certain accounts, and it is said that liquidation of these accounts has recently been proceeding through the clearing house. The difficulty, however, was not a serious one and there is good market through the clearing house, the trouble should soon be removed, if it has not been quite cleared away already.

Showing the continued ill-effects of the conditions arising out of the European war, the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company has for the second consecutive time passed its quarterly dividend. This is the first time since the mine went on a dividend paying basis forty-three years ago that such action has been necessitated. The directors of the company issued a statement to the effect that the mine has been operating on three-quarters time and that a cut of 30 per cent in the wages of the men, as well as a 15 per cent reduction in the salaries of employees and officials has been made. It was also stated that while the copper trade has shown some improvement recently, the condition surrounding the market continues so unsettled that putting men back on full time, or declaring a dividend would not be advisable at this time.

Large war orders continue to come in, and while these embrace a considerable number of our industries, the dry goods trade seems to have been the chief beneficiary. Following the order for 300,000 uniforms and a like number of overcoats, requiring about 2,000,000 yards of cloth, large purchases of underwear of all sorts have been made. An order for 25,000 dozen sets of underwear has just been announced, and it is estimated that about 2,000,000 pairs of socks have been disposed of to European belligerents so far.

(Barron Financial News Service.)  
New York, Dec. 8.—Wall Street, being without wire connection with all points of the compass, trading in its various markets during the past few days has been extremely limited. Western buying orders were responsible for the opening of the bond department, a large part of its activities, while the rest was interested in the local cotton market. Even Boston was cut off almost entirely from telegraphic communications. The resumption of trading in stocks on the exchange set for next Saturday was therefore generally regarded as good judgment, for had it been decided to resume trading at an earlier date the inability to receive out-of-town telegraphic orders would have had a marked effect.

United States Steel, Union Pacific, New York Central, Southern Pacific and Canadian Pacific constitute the active stocks which may not be traded in on the stock exchange at the resumption of trading. The general belief was, in the absence of an official explanation from the governing committee, that owing to the fact of large blocks of these shares being held in Europe, it was deemed advisable to forbid transactions so long as there existed a likelihood of dumping foreign holdings on the market.

The Bethlehem Steel Corporation, in order to comply with President Wilson's neutrality program, has yielded up the order received for completion of about \$50,000,000 worth of submarines. It was to cancel these contracts that Charles M. Schwab, president of the corporation, made another hurried trip to Europe.

The greatest securities holding corporation in the world is a position which must be conceded to The Rockefeller Foundation. As of December 1 its total fund amounted to \$125,927,777. The foundation was started by John D. Rockefeller who contributed all of its assets, securities having a market value at the time of \$100,000,000.

Two small features have followed the announcement that the stock exchange would open on Saturday for stock trading. Wall Street was prepared for this announcement. It has occasionally recognized that the four months complete tie-up of stock exchange operations has been a severe strain on the houses of the banking and brokerage firms of the Street. In fact, a few exceptions, clerical forces have been reduced in number or salaries lowered for the purpose of effecting curtailment in overhead charges.

The Consolidated Stock Exchange of New York will open at the same time as the New York Stock Exchange, on Saturday, and under identical conditions, in accordance to an understanding between the governing committees of these two institutions.

**PARK BOARD PLANS GREATER SCOPE FOR WORK OF COMING YEAR**  
Tennis courts in Seaside and Beardsley parks, playground in the North End, a comfort station to be located at Washington park and a shelter for golfers on the links at Beardsley park were some of the matters considered last night at the meeting of the Park Board.

Rev. P. E. Mathias, representing the Pastors' association, urged three ten-park courts in each of the two big parks and the request is likely to be granted. It is hoped that ground in the North End may be donated for a new playground as there is no land available for public use.

Appropriations for the other needs are likely to be asked. The Emperor of Russia has restored to France a flag which was captured from the French by the Germans in 1870. Russian troops captured it at Lyck, East Prussia.

## Daily Doings Of The High School Students

Last year at this season the students of the school disposed of \$5,000 Red Cross stamps for the Visiting Nurses Association. In accordance with the policy 10,000 of these seals have been left with Mr. Spaulding for similar disposal by the students this year. The cause is a great one and all the students are requested to either buy or sell the stamps as every penny so invested means another step forward in the stamping out of the Great White Plague. The stamps are in packages of twenty-five each and can be procured from the room teachers, to whom returns should be made.

Yesterday marked the closing of the time limit set by the Criterion board for the handing in of all manuscripts and stories for the Christmas issue of the paper. As school closes for Xmas recess on the twenty-second the paper will be placed on sale Dec. 9. In accordance with established custom this issue will contain feature stories pertaining to the time of the year and will also have several new features to be announced later.

Hereafter sick and half holiday excuses must be presented to the teaching staff by the student who is absent. The recipient of the excuse is allowed to leave the building. It must also be returned to the room teacher so that much needless delay and trouble which has been attendant upon such cases, will now be avoided.

The basketball games for the remainder of the season will be played at the Boys club. The girls team will play preliminary at all the games if possible to secure opponents. Another feature to be enjoyed by the students will be dancing, which will follow the games. A large attendance is now looked for.

The track team practiced yesterday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. Preparations are now being made for several indoor meets with other schools.

Rehearsals of acts one and two of the Senior play were held yesterday afternoon at Warner hall.

## LINCOLN SCHOOL NOTES.

The Lincoln soccer team is improving so rapidly that it is recognized by out of town teams. A game was played yesterday with the Woodlawn of Ansonia. The boys put up a game fight, but the Woodlawn won. The local boys did some fine passing, Weber and Nicol make two of the backs in the school league. Last week the team won from the High school 1 to 0.

The Drum Corps played at "Vanity Fair" last week and won a good deal of praise for both their playing and their behavior. Mr. Zink sent around a note thanking them for representing the school so well.

The scholars of rooms 25 and 22 sent out four Thanksgiving dinners. Their kindness took care of four large families and was greatly appreciated.

Some scholars from room 24 walked to Seaside Beach on Saturday. They were accompanied by Miss Liddle. They reported the water wet, but not fit for bathing. Nobody will admit having a crop of blisters.

Last week Mr. Zink called a meeting of scholars who wished to form an orchestra and 17 responded. The outlook for an orchestra is very bright.

The walk that was being laid around the school has been finished.

The curtains for the "Annek" have come at last and are being hung. The rooms will be much more comfortable, for the bright light has been very trying on the eyes of scholars and teachers. It is not always a good thing to be too bright. Some girls please take notice.

Margaret Kimlin plays the piano in room 25 and Pauline Jubb in room 24.

Rev. F. C. Rideout, pastor of the Second Baptist church of this city, will leave for Boston, Mass., next Monday morning to attend the annual reunion of the New York Theological Seminary at the Copely-Plaza hotel. On Tuesday evening he will deliver an annual address before the members and friends of the Baptist church of Newtown Upper and Lower Falls at their annual roll call, and on Wednesday evening he will address a united gathering at the Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges at Newtown Highlands.

In observance of their 16th wedding anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Henry Case entertained a gathering of employees of the machine and tool plants of the International Silver Co. at their home in Ogden street, last evening.

H. M. S. Tuna, the latest addition to the Canadian navy, and one of the fastest boats in the British fleet, is at the navy dockyard at Halifax.

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## SERVIAN ARMY SHY OF GOOD OFFICERS

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)  
Nish, Serbia, Dec. 8.—There is a shortage of officers in the Serbian army, due not only to the severe losses sustained in the earlier battles of the campaign, but also to the losses of the two Balkan wars. The gaps have proved a source of considerable embarrassment to the army chiefs and a number of youthful cadets from the military college have now been given commissions and sent to the front.

Another matter of serious concern in army circles is the difficulty of caring properly for the wounded, who are being sent into the interior towns as rapidly as possible. Although there are a number of Red Cross units from foreign countries on the ground, there is still a shortage of trained help, and a still more serious shortage of drugs and of surgical and hygienic appliances.

## LORD TENNYSON'S SON IS WOUNDED

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)  
London, Dec. 8.—Lionel Tennyson, eldest son of the present Lord Tennyson, has returned to London from the front wounded in the leg. He is a Lieutenant in the Rifle Brigade. Lord Tennyson has two other sons serving, one a lieutenant and another a midshipman.

## FRATERNAL NEWS

At the annual communication of Corinthian lodge, No. 104, held at the Masonic Temple on Dec. 8th, the following officers were elected and installed: W. M., Charles R. Crowther; S. W., Charles F. Haller; J. W., E. M. Jaycox; treasurer, P. L. Holzer; secretary, R. H. Broderick; S. D., O. C. Tanning; J. D., F. W. Harrison; S. S., E. B. Ives; J. S., Charles Morison; chaplain, C. W. Marsh; marshal, C. F. Siemon; organist, G. A. Murphy; trustees, John Taylor, R. T. Whiting; finance committee, George B. Mellus, A. H. Bullard, Z. Goodsell, Tyler, Chas. E. Roath.

Following are the nominations made at the last meeting of Court Marina, F. of A. for the election at the next meeting: Chief Ranger, L. P. Farrell, E. Remillard, Edw. Drew; Sub-Chief Ranger, William Nolan, George McCabe, T. Langhams; Senior Woodward, Geo. Farrell, G. Monaghan, Wm. Dockerty, Jr.; Recording Secretary, F. H. Lyle, H. Thompson; Financial Secretary, P. H. Howard; Treasurer, W. C. May, Junior Woodward, H. Elliott, William Stremple; Senior Beadle, F. Rogers, W. T. Meyer, W. O'Neill; Junior Beadle, J. Griffen, William Dockerty, Sr., A. Vagnot.

## MASONIC MEETING.

At a special communication of St. John's lodge, No. 3, to be held at the Masonic Temple, this evening, Dec. 8, at 7:30 o'clock, the M. M. degree will be conferred.

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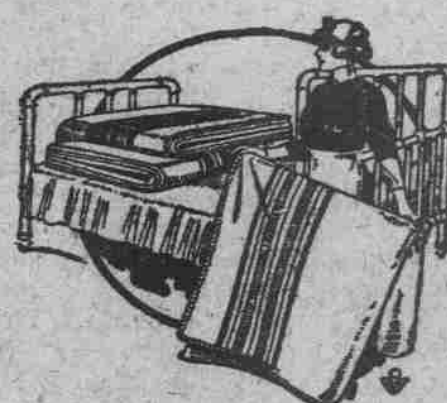
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